

Question/ Answer

Procurement procedure: EMSA/CPNEG/2/2018

Question 01 (dated 27/03/2018 11:44):

For more understanding we would like to clarify some details about Service Contract for Equipment Assistance Service.

Will it be the Contract, where, for example, we can provide our equipment for storage in EMSA and EMSA will pay us for this having an opportunity to provide this equipment to any other side?

Or this understanding is incorrect?

Answer to question 01:

According to its amended Founding Regulation, the Agency shall work with the Member States to support on request with additional means, in a cost efficient way, the pollution response actions in case of pollution caused by ships as well as marine pollution caused by oil and gas installations. The Agency may also provide assistance in case of pollution caused by ships as well as marine pollution caused by oil and gas installations affecting those third countries sharing a regional sea basin with the Union.

In line with the Agency's mandate in the field of pollution response, the purpose of this procurement procedure No. EMSA/CPNEG/2/2018 is to conclude a framework contract for the provision of storage, maintenance, logistics, insurance, testing in water and 24/7 mobilisation services of EMSA's oil pollution response equipment in order to respond to oil spills in the European regional sea basins.

The equipment to be placed in the EAS arrangement is purchased directly by EMSA through a separate contract. The equipment placed in the EAS arrangement is owned by EMSA. The company awarded the contract resulting from this procurement procedure is compensated by EMSA for taking care of EMSA's equipment and providing the above mentioned services during the Contract duration, the supply of the oil pollution response equipment is not part of the contract resulting from the procurement procedure N°. EMSA/CPNEG/2/2018 - Service contract for equipment Assistance Service (EAS) Northern Baltic Sea.

In addition please note that as indicated under point 3.3 of the Request Specifications (Enclosure R.1) and point 2.2 of the Tender Specifications (Enclosure T.1), the arrangement shall serve primarily and be located on the coastline of an EU Member State within the Baltic Sea area limited on the North by a straight line running from Gävle (Sweden) to Rauma (Finland) and on the South by a straight line joining Norrköpping (Sweden) to Liepāja (Latvia). This requirement regarding the location of the stockpile is a minimum requirement to be evaluated during Phase II (Tender Phase) of the procurement procedure. This minimum requirement is to be met by the tender for considering it compliant with the Tender Specifications. This is a strict requirement; a tender which does not comply with it will be rejected from the procurement procedure in the second phase of the procedure.

Question 02 (dated 28/03/2018 09:01):

Where approximately will be based the equipment storage?

Answer to question 02:

As announced under point 3.3 of the Request Specifications and point 2.2 of the Tender Specifications, the equipment storage space shall be located on the coastline of an EU Member State within the Baltic Sea area limited on the North by a straight line running from Gävle (Sweden) to Rauma (Finland) and on the South by a straight line joining Norrköpping (Sweden) to Liepāja (Latvia).

This requirement regarding the location of the stockpile is a minimum requirement to be evaluated during Phase II (Tender Phase) of the procurement procedure. This minimum requirement is to be met by the tender for considering it compliant with the Tender Specifications. This is a strict requirement, a tender which does not comply with it will be rejected from the procurement procedure in the second phase of the procedure.

Question 03 (dated 28/03/2018 09:01):

Can non-EU country participate in this Contract?

Answer to question 03:

As indicated under point 17 of the Invitation to submit a request to participate No. EMSA/CPNEG/2/2018, only economic operators from the following non-European Union countries are eligible to participate in the present procurement procedure: Albania, FYROM, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Question 04 (dated 28/03/2018 09:01):

Why there are no Russian language in the list of languages for tender in Contract?

Answer to question 04:

As stressed under points 9 of the Request Specifications (Enclosure R.1) and of the Tender Specifications, (Enclosure T.1), requests and tenders can be submitted in any of the official languages of the European Union. Russian language is not one of the official languages of the European Union.

Question 05 (dated 28/03/2018 09:01):

Who can use equipment in storage and for what money?

Answer to question 05:

In accordance with the Agency's mandate in the field of pollution response and as developed under point 3.1 of the Request Specifications, the National authorities from an EU Member State, an EU Candidate Country, Iceland, Norway, the European Commission or a third country sharing a regional sea basin with the European Union can through the European Emergency Response Coordination Centre request Equipment Assistance Service. In addition, a third party not being a National authority but being involved in the marine incident such as the owner of the ship causing or threatening to cause a pollution by oil, the cargo owner or the oil and gas installation operator can also request Equipment Assistance Service.

The requesting party mobilising the Equipment Assistance Service will pay the EAS contractor for the costs related to the mobilisation services under an Incident Response-Equipment (Annex III to Enclosure T.2). These mobilisation costs are detailed under point 10.4 of the Tender Specifications namely mobilisation lump sum, transport costs, technical support personnel costs where applicable and price of stand-by of the transport means where applicable as well as compensation for more operational costs arising of the performance of the services. For more details please see under article IV.4 of the Incident Response-Equipment (Annex III to Enclosure T.2).

The equipment might also be mobilised for participation to exercises. For the participation to exercises, EMSA will pay the contractor for the above-listed mobilisation costs and reimburse out-of-pocket expenses.

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Requests for additional information regarding this tender shall be sent by e-mail to the following address **CPNEG022018@emsa.europa.eu**. Requests for additional information received less than six working days before the closing date for submission of tenders may not be processed.

The deadline for submission of the bids of this tender is 30/04/2018.

The responsibility for monitoring the Agency's website for replies to queries and/or further information remains with potential candidates.